

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 46, 47, 51 and 53-67 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 47, 51, 53, and 54, and has canceled claim 46 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof. Applicant has also canceled claims 66 and 67 as directed to a non-elected invention, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof. Accordingly, claims 47, 51, and 53-65 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, claims 46 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,866,530 to Moehlenpah (“Moehlenpah”). Claim 51 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moehlenpah.

The Examiner also allowed claims 56-65 and indicated that claims 47, 54, and 55 would also be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner’s allowance of claims 56-65 and the indication of additional allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 47 to include all of the limitations of claim 46, and has amended claim 54 to include all of the limitations of claims 46 and 53. Applicant has also amended claims 51 and 53 to depend from allowable amended claim 47, and has canceled claim 46 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof. Applicant has left claim 55 unchanged, as it is dependent from allowable amended claim 54.

Applicant has further amended claim 47 and 54 to correct minor matters of form.

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In view of the foregoing, all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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